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1. AFTER FORMAL SESSION ON JANUARY 13, ECOSOC'S REVISED PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1978 (DOCUMENT E/1978/L.6) WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. SEVERAL STATEMENTS WERE MADE ON THE QUESTION OF INCLUDING "ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" IN THE AGENDA UTEM (NOW 29) OF THE SUMMER SESSION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND EOPLES BY UN SPECIALIZED AND OTHER AGENCIES. (SEPARATE ITEM ON ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIA PEOPLE WAS DROPPED IN THE REVISED VERSION.)

2. FRG, SPEAKING FOR EC-9, EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THESE SUBJECTS WERE RELATED AND SHOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY.

3. U.S. (AMBASSADOR WELLS) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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"MY DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN THE ANNEX REFERRED TO AT THE END OF DOCUMENT E/1978/L.6, THE INTENTION IS THE LIST THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS A SUB-ITEM UNDER TIEM 29 OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE ECOSOC. MY DELEGATION WISHES TO REITERATE ITS POSITION

THAT THESE ARE ENTIRELY SEPARATE QUESTIONS
THAT SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER SEPARATE AGENDA
ITEMS, AS WAS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED IN DOCU-
MENT E/1978/1. WE WISH TO POINT OUT, MOREOVER,
THAT THE RESOLUTION DEFINING NON-SELF-GOVERNING
TERRITORIES CONTAINS A SPECIFIC LISTING OF TER-
RITORIES THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE PALESTINE. IN
OUR VIEW, THIS COUNCIL SHOULD NOT MAKE A DECISION
WITH POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS INCONSISTENT WITH THAT
RESOLUTION."

4. UAE, RESPONDING TO THE U.S., THEN MAINTAINED THAT
ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART
OF ITEM 29 AND NOT APPEAR AS A SUB-ITEM, SINCE THE QUESTIONS
WERE INEXTRICABLY LINKED -- A POINT ECHOED BY ALGERIA, IRAQ,
TUNISIA, AND SUDAN. ALGERIA ADDED THAT IT WAS A QUESTION OF
PEOPLE STRUGGLEING FOR INDEPENDENCE, AND IRAQ STATED THAT WOULD
ALWAYS BE A POLITICAL QUESTION.

5. ISRAELI OBSERVER STATED QUESTIONS SHOULD BE TOTALLY
SEPARATED, SINCE THEY WERE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY IN THE
UN SYSTEM.

6. SWEDEN STATED ITS VIEW THAT ASSISTANCE TO THE PALES-
TINIAN PEOPLE WAS NOT A QUESTION OF COLONIALISM.

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